

Provo's electricity users facing 8%-12% rate boost this summer

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PROVO — City power users can expect a rate increase anywhere from 8 to 12 percent sometime this summer.

A study of city power rates has resulted in a recommendation for an overall increase in power revenues of 10 percent.

Bud Bonnett, city power director, said that doesn't mean everyone will be paying 10 percent more for power.

"The 10 percent will be spread out among all the power users so some will face an 8 percent increase and others may be paying 12 percent more," he said. Bonnett said exact increases are being determined by a private engineering firm hired to analyze the city's power needs.

Bonnett said even with the increase city rates are still some of the lowest in the state.

"There are only three cities close to use in paying the low power fees that we do pay," said Bonnett. "With the increase we will still be one of the lowest paying cities in the state."

He said the increase will be finalized and put into a formal ordinance that needs to be adopted by the City Council before it becomes law and part of the new, and as yet unadopted, 1984-85 city budget.

"These increases will simply be keeping us up to date with the costs of supplying the power to our customers," he said. "Our material prices increase and we have to increase our rates to make up for that cost."

In July of 1982 power users had a 10 percent rate increase and although a 2.5 percent increase was approved last year it was never tagged on to the power bills.

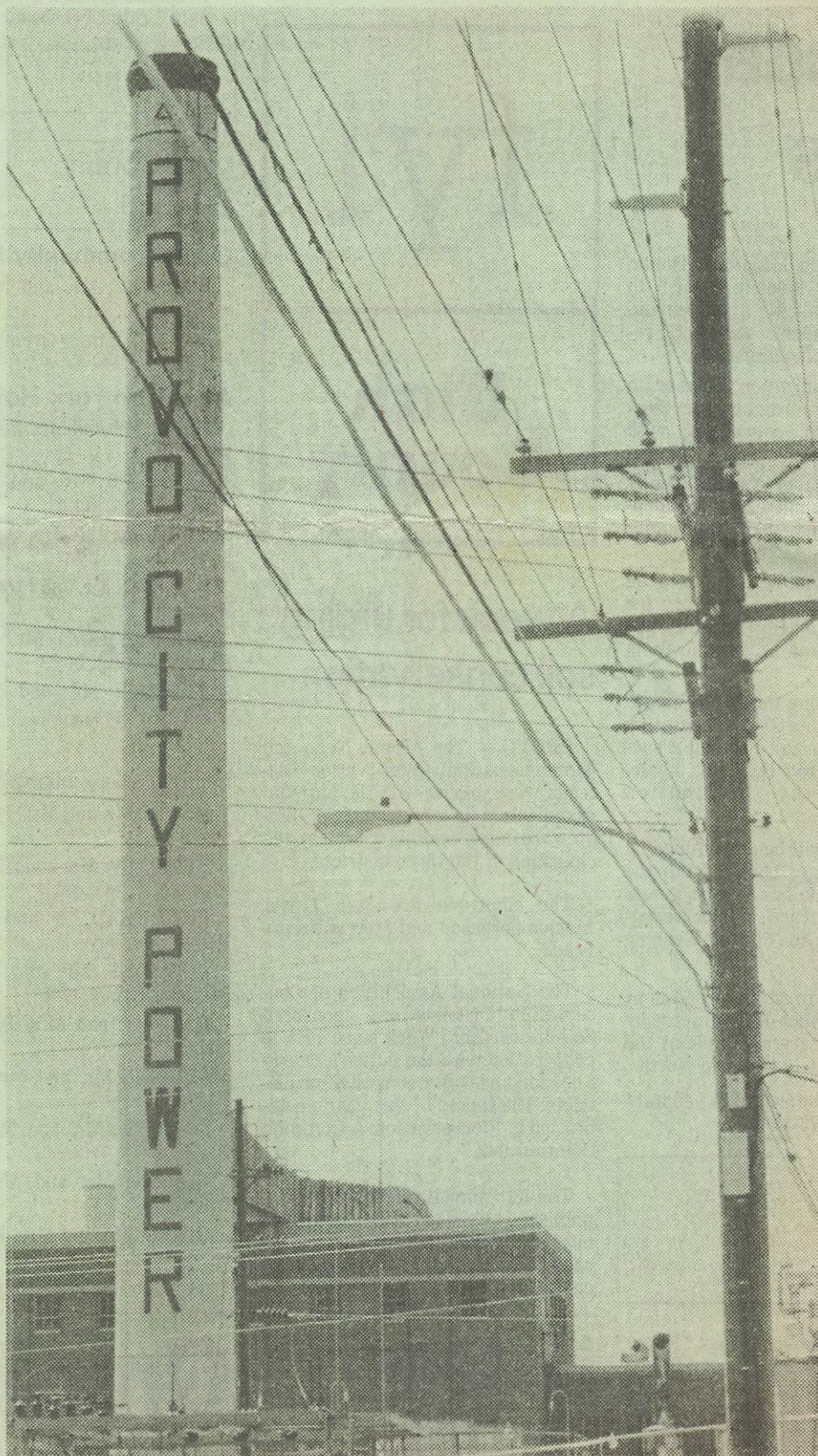
"We decided to wait and do the study and see exactly what we needed to meet our costs," said Bonnett. "That's why we never went to the increase last year."

Chet Waggener, city chief administrative officer, said the study to determine the rate of the increase took a bit longer than usual because there were lots of questions to answer.

"We were working with Brigham Young University to see if the structure was being fair to them because officials were concerned," he said. "They might not like it but they will be getting an increase along with everyone else but it's all fair and has been studied out."

Waggener said the City Council doesn't have to hold a public hearing about the rate increase but added that the council probably will anyway.

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According to Waggener, the rate increase will just keep the power department even with its own budget costs.

"The prices we are paying for equipment, materials and wholesale power are increasing all the time and we need this to keep above ev-

everything," he said. "No one wants a rate increase, but there really is no choice."

Before the study on the rate increase was finished, Power Board members had been discussing everything from the 10 percent increase to a 30 percent increase over the next five years.

Both Bonnett and Waggener said the 10 percent increase should keep the city books balanced for several years.

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two infant children, and a son and daughter, Glen L. Burr and Norma B. Carter.

Funeral service will be held Thursday, 1 p.m. in the Sundberg-Olpin Mortuary Chapel, 495 S. State, Orem, where friends may call Wednesday evening 7-9 and Thursday one hour before services. Burial will be in the Provo City Cemetery.

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A week for urging soil conservation

PROVO — The Alpine, Nebo and Timpanogos Soil Conservation Districts were joining with the national organization in observance of Soil Stewardship Week this week, say the chairmen of the three districts.

The chairmen are Stan Lewis, Marion Sorensen and Morris Ercanbrack.

The National Association of Conservation Districts has sponsored Soil Stewardship Week since 1955 in cooperation with the nation's nearly 3,000 soil and water conservation districts. The theme of this year's celebration is "Conservation: A Common Commitment."

The 13th annual reference booklet published by the national association cites the reluctance of the human race to accept its primary role as caretaker of the earth.

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The council passed an ordinance last year that set up the citizen's committee.

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GARRETT, Mr. and Mrs. Ray, American Fork, girl.

GUZY, Mr. and Mrs. David, Provo, boy.

HARPER, Mr. and Mrs. Terrance, Highland, boy.

MOONEYHAM, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas, Orem, boy.

POWELL, Mr. and Mrs. Max, American Fork, girl.

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LEWIS, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald, Provo, boy.

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RAY, Mr. and Mrs. Richard, Provo, boy.

REDMOND, Mr. and Mrs. Keith, Provo, girl.

SAUTER, Mr. and Mrs. Gary, Lindon, girl.

SHAKESPEARE, Mr. and Mrs. Brad, Orem, boy.

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By expanding the salary range an additional 10 percent, Berlin said the city would increase its ability